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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Policy and Plans Group

FROM: [REDACTED]

Chief, Policy Branch, PPG

SUBJECT: 1985 Intelligence Capabilities Study

1. This is in response to your verbal query as to whether the "1985 Intelligence Capabilities Study" contains anything directly affecting the Office of Security or its budget.

2. The study discusses intelligence capabilities required to support national objective outyear funding in the 1985-1990 time frame. Of thirteen specifically identified intelligence challenges the last three pertain to the U. S. intelligence infrastructure. The other ten pertain to substantive information needs.

3. Issue 11, "Surge Capability" and Issue 12, "Manpower Talent and Productivity" have indirect impact on the Office of Security. Both issues recognize that the intelligence process will remain manpower intensive. The current evaluation of the Intelligence Community's current capability to respond is rated poor. The estimate is made that personnel increases of the magnitude of 10-11% over FY 1982 National Foreign Intelligence Program manpower strengths are needed. This represents about [REDACTED] additional manpower spaces currently planned for in the NFIP.

4. The study does not indicate what proportion of manpower increases are found necessary in CIA. It can be assumed by implication that personnel recruitment of professional candidates by CIA will remain intensive. The Office of Security will feel pressure to move these hard-to-find candidates smartly through the clearance process -- investigation, polygraph and adjudication. The initial clearance, of course, will be just the beginning of the personnel security challenge. Prompt processing and assessment of personnel through the probationary and subsequent five-year revalidation process will be paramount to assure that the Agency is secure against compromise.

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5. To answer your query, neither the Office of Security nor its budget is directly affected by the study in terms of the current Program Call. There will be an impact downstream. The magnitude of this impact will become known as the Agency spins out its long-range plans in response to the study. The web to be spun will become evident in October 1982.

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